## STATE OF MONTANA Executive Order No. 07-89

Office of the Governor



Executive Order proclaiming a disaster in Lewis and Clark County

Whereas, a railroad derailment and subsequent explosion and fire has occurred in the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County; and

Whereas, city and county resources are inadequate to respond to and contain the resulting fires and pollution problems; and

Whereas, the City of Helena has requested assistance from the State to include equipment and personnel from the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences, Disaster and Emergency Services Division and the Montana National Guard; and

Whereas, the explosion and fires constitutes a disaster; and

Whereas, a proclamation of disaster authorizes the Governor to activate state resources and the National Guard to protect life, health and property and authorizes the Governor under Section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from a disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stan Stephens, Governor of the State of Montana pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana and Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA do hereby declare that a disaster exists in the City of Helena.

Given under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this \_/3rH day of February, in the year of our LORD, one thousand, nine hundred and eighty-nine.

STAN STEPHENS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State